

# St. Nicholas News

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## WHITE POPPIES AT MERRION SQUARE



An art installation of 3,200 giant poppies made of artificial silk to remember the end of the first World War I at Koenigsplatz square in Munich, Germany, Photograph: Lennart Preiss/EPA

Dublin Quakers are inviting members of the public to join them in making white poppies to form an art installation in Merrion Square on Armistice Day next Sunday.

Members of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) will be making white poppies from 10am to 3pm to commemorate the 9.7 million soldiers and 10 million civilians who died during the first World War.

"We will be making white poppies to commemorate not the generals and politicians, but the ordinary decent people who suffered," said Séan McCrum, Convenor of the Dublin Quaker Peace Committee.

"This event is to remember everyone, including the many from Ireland North and South, who was killed or wounded or terrified by military violence during World War One," he said.

A marquee will be set up in Merrion Square and passers-by will be invited to make a white poppy and add it to an art installation in the grass.

A short period of silent commemoration will be held at 11am - the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month when armistice was declared in 1918. This will be followed by readings of poetry and prose written by people who were involved in combat during the first World War as well as by civilians. Included will be writings from women.

A similar event, organised by the Dublin Quaker Peace Committee, took place at Merrion Square two years ago to mark the end of the Battle of the Somme.

"Members of the public are central to this," said Mr McCrum. "When we commemorated the final day of the Battle of the Somme, many people were emotionally very involved by making a white poppy and planting it because members of their families had suffered in combat.

"Quakers do not have a creed but we do have testimonies that are central to our thinking - testimonies of peace, simplicity, equality, integrity and community. The following statement was made in 1661 by early Quakers and we believe it is a valid now as it was then: 'We utterly deny all outward wars and strife and fighting with outward weapons, for any end or any pretence whatsoever'."

*Courtesy Irish Times*



## ANOTHER PERSON SLEEPING ROUGH, DIES ON OUR STREETS

Michal Waskiewicz, a Polish man in his forties, who was sleeping rough died on Cook Street on Tuesday 06 November 2018. May he now rest in peace. He is remembered in our masses this weekend. How many more have to die, or have we simply become used to people dying on our streets? Have we somehow allowed ourselves to become immune to it?

## NOTICES

### Money Matters

Sunday 04 November 2018

Thank you for your contributions.

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### Remembered at Mass

Sat 6pm: Michal Waskiewicz, May Farrell 40th Ann, Joseph Farrell (Snr) 28th Ann, Sons Joe & Christy Farrell, Maria Stacey 22nd Ann, Stephen Stacey, Patty & Tommy Long, Peggy Long, James & Rosanna Ryan & Deceased Members, John, Margaret, Michael & Annie Reynolds. Connie Lynch 16th Ann , P.J. Doherty

Sun 11.30am: Michal Waskiewicz, Joe & Annie O'Connor, Annie Geraghty & Family Pat Boyne & Family



### St. Vincent de Paul Collection

The monthly collection for the local St. Vincent de Paul, which is used for people in our own parish, will take place this weekend after mass. Please give as generously as you can. Thanking you in advance.



### Rialto Football Club

The annual mass in memory of the deceased members of Rialto Football Club takes place in our Lady of Fatima church Rialto on Saturday 24th November at 7.00pm. All welcome.



### Scouts

The Liberties local scouts and beavers troop - the 61st Merchants Quay - is looking to recruit new

members, both leaders and children. The section is based in OLV Building on New Street. Great life skills, fun times and action and adventure await.

Email: [61merchantsquay@gmail.com](mailto:61merchantsquay@gmail.com)

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### From Toilets to Cafe

The former public toilets on Kevin Street, the last vestige of Dublin's "Four Corners of Hell", will be brought back into use as a cafe "as soon as practical". The toilets sit on a traffic island at the junction of Kevin Street and New Street South and have been out of use for about 20 years despite being relatively intact. The council's development department is "very keen to put the former public toilets to the markets", an internal email said this year. "We have had a lot of interest in it," the email, released under the Freedom of Information Act, added. The Liberties crossroad junction of Kevin Street, New Street South, Dean Street and Patrick Street famously had a pub on each corner. It became particularly rowdy at closing time when Kenny's, Quinn's, O'Beirne's and Lowe's disgorged their customers onto the streets, earning the junction the nickname "The Four Corners of Hell".

*Courtesy Irish Times*

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## 32nd SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

### A reading from the First Book of Kings

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."' The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

**This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God**

### Psalm 145

#### My soul, give praise to the Lord

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. R/

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. R/

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. R/

### A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Hebrews

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

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### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia

How happy are the poor in spirit theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia

### A reading from the Gospel of Mark

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.' Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

**This is the Gospel of the Lord:  
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**



### A THOUGHT

Those who work for change suffer resistance. **So make us strong.** Those who do new things sometimes feel afraid. **So make us brave.** Those who challenge the world as it is arouse anger. **So grant us peace.** Those who live joyfully are envied. **So make us generous.** Those who try to love encounter hate. **So make us steadfast.**

*From 'Women Included'*

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**Church opens: 9.30am - 12noon, Mon, Tues, Weds, Friday, Sat(5pm-7pm), Thurs: 9.30am - 11am, Sun: 10am - 12.15pm**

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